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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-13, 20-26, 33-39 and 53-96 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-13, 20-26, 33-39 and 53-96 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 August 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. This Office action is responsive to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed under 37 CFR §1.53(d) for the instant application on 8/23/06. Applicants have properly set forth the RCE, which has been entered into the application, and an examination on the merits follows herewith.

2. Claims 7-13, 20-26, 33-39, and 53-96 have been examined and rejected. This Office action is responsive to the amendment filed on 8/23/06, which has been entered in the above identified application.

Drawings

3. The replacement sheet for Figures 1-7 submitted on 8/23/06 has been considered and is entered into the application.

4. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description:

- a. Reference character 502 in [figure 5].

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5. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 7, 20, 33, 53-55, 58, 60-64, 67, 69-73, 76, 78-82, and 96 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hung (Pub No. US 2002/0087584) and Rivette et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,809,318), herein after, Rivette.

Claim 53, 7, 54, 55, 58, 60, 61 (Method)

Claim 62, 20, 63, 64, 67, 69, 70 (Computer Readable Medium)

Claim 71, 33, 72, 73, 76, 78, 79 (Apparatus)

Claim 80, 81, 82 (Apparatus)

Claim 96 (Processor)

7-1. Regarding claims 53, 62, 71, 80, and 96, Hung teaches the claim comprising presenting a document on a user interface of an apparatus, by disclosing a method and system for organizing messages that arrive at a communication terminal or other machine *[paragraph 5, lines 1-4]*. The machine may be programmed to present a received-message to a user and to allow the user to select one or more values from the message, to be used as the message-filter expression *[paragraph 42, lines 1-4]*.

Hung teaches receiving from a user of the apparatus an identification of a portion of the document while presenting the document and automatically transferring the document into a folder associated with the portion based on the received identification, by disclosing that upon the receipt of a message, the communication terminal may present a received-message to a user and may prompt the user to select an expression from the received-message, to be used to identify a new folder, such as an expression from the body of the message. A new folder may be created to store messages that match the expression selected by the user and may store the message and other matching messages in the folder *[paragraph 6]*.

As per claims 80 and 96, Hung teaches the claim comprising a processor, memory, output device, and input device, by disclosing *[paragraph 19, figure 2]*.

Hung further teaches that any of a variety of methods may be used to select a word from the e-mail *[paragraph 43]*. Although Hung teaches receiving an identification of a portion of the document, the limitation of receiving an un-prompted identification is not expressly taught. Such a method of performing operations on highlighted text without using prompts is taught by Rivette. Rivette teaches automatically performing operations, in this case creating a new note, without the need for a prompt when selecting a portion of text from an electronic document *[Rivette, column 45, lines 11-21]*. Thus, when selecting text to create a new note in an electronic document, a prompt is not needed to confirm the selected text. This eliminates an extra step needed when performing operations on selected text and thus, makes the program more efficient in that the user may perform the operations faster. The fact that the user is prompted for confirmation of a selected portion of the document in Hung merely provides additional help to the user when selecting the portion. In this case, the prompt given in Hung allows the user to confirm that the selection made was in fact correct. Thus, the prompt may be eliminated and the instant selection of text with operations automatically done on those selections may be performed without any adverse effect to the essential function of the e-mail organizing system of Hung. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow selection of a portion of the document and perform operations on the selected portion without the need for a prompt, as taught by Rivette. This would make the program more efficient by eliminating the extra step of prompting the user for confirmation when selecting text for organizing e-mail messages.

7-2. Regarding claims 7, 20, and 33, Hung and Rivette further teach the claim of the method wherein the folder includes a pre-established folder, by disclosing that if the message satisfies an existing message-filter expression, the message may be stored in that folder [*Hung, paragraph 74*].

7-3. Regarding claims 54, 63, 72, and 81, Hung and Rivette teach the claim wherein said automatically transferring further comprises automatically creating a new folder associated with the un-prompted identified portion if a pre-established folder associated with the identified portion does not exist, and transferring the document to the new folder, by disclosing that if the message does not satisfy the message-filter expression of any existing folder, a new folder for the message may be created by selecting a portion of the document [*Hung, paragraph 74*].

7-4. Regarding claims 55, 64, 73, and 82, Hung and Rivette teach the claim wherein said automatically transferring further comprises one of transferring the document to a pre-established folder associated with the un-prompted identified portion and transferring the document to a new folder, by disclosing that the message may be stored in a pre-established folder or a newly created folder [*Hung, paragraph 74*].

Hung and Rivette teach wherein transferring the document to the new folder further comprises automatically creating the new folder in association with the un-prompted identified portion if the pre-established folder does not exist, by disclosing that

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if the message does not satisfy the message-filter expression of any existing folder, a new folder for the message may be created by selecting a portion of the document *[Hung, paragraph 74]*.

7-5. Regarding claims 58, 67, and 76, Hung and Rivette teach the claim wherein said receiving comprises receiving a selection of at least one of a word and a symbol, by disclosing that the user can select a value from a text message *[Hung, paragraph 42]*.

7-6. Regarding claims 60, 69, and 78, Hung and Rivette further teach the claim of the method wherein said receiving comprises receiving a spoken representation of the portion, by disclosing that input means includes a microphone *[Hung, paragraph 19, lines 11-15]*.

7-7. Regarding claims 61, 70, and 79, Hung and Rivette further teach the claim of the method wherein said receiving comprises receiving a touch associated with the portion, by disclosing that input means includes a touch sensitive display *[Hung, paragraph 19, lines 11-15]*.

8. Claims 8, 9, 21, 22, 34, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hung (Pub No. US 2002/0087584). Rivette et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,809,318), herein after, Rivette. and Internet Explorer 5, as taught by Freeze ("Sams' Teach Yourself Microsoft Internet Explorer 5 in 24 Hours", 1999).

Claims 8, 9 (Method)

Claims 21, 22 (Computer Readable Medium)

Claims 34, 35 (Apparatus)

8-1. Regarding claims 8, 21, and 34, Hung and Rivette teach the invention substantially as claimed. See section 7-1. Hung and Rivette do not expressly teach further indicating that the document is being transferred into the folder. Freeze teaches that Internet Explorer shows a download status screen when a document is being transferred to a computer *[page 392]*.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung and Rivette, the use of a status screen to show the transfer of a document to a folder, as taught by Freeze. This would alert the user that a document is being transferred.

8-2. Regarding claims 9, 22, and 35, Hung and Rivette teach the invention substantially as claimed. See section 7-1. Hung and Rivette do not expressly teach the claim of the method further indicating that the document has been transferred to the second folder. Freeze teaches that Internet Explorer displays a message indicating that the transfer of a document to a folder has been completed *[page 393]*.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung and Rivette, the use of message window to indicate that the transfer of a document to a

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folder has been completed, as taught by Freeze. This would alert the user that a document has been transferred.

9. Claims 56, 57, 59, 65, 66, 68, 74, 75, 77, 83-89 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hung (Pub No. US 2002/0087584), Rivette et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,809,318), herein after, Rivette, and Clark et al (US Patent No 6,725,228).

Claim 56, 57, 59 (Method)

Claim 65, 66, 68 (Computer Readable Medium)

Claim 74, 75, 77 (Apparatus)

Claims 83, 84, 86 (Apparatus)

9-1. Regarding claims 56, 57, 65, 66, 74, 75, 83, and 84, Hung and Rivette teach the invention substantially as claimed. See section 7-1. Hung and Rivette further teach the claim further comprising receiving an un-prompted identification of at least one other portion of the document while presenting the document, by disclosing that more than one portion of the document may be selected [*Hung, paragraph 73*].

Hung and Rivette teach that if the message does not satisfy the message-filter expression of any existing folder, a new folder for the message may be created by selecting a portion of the document [*Hung, paragraph 74*].

Hung and Rivette do not expressly teach automatically transferring the document into at least one other folder associated with each identified other portion of the

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document. Clark teaches a similar invention that organizes messages into multiple folders based on the contents and attributes of the message *[column 4, lines 26-39]*. Clark's invention improves upon prior art by teaching that in the prior art, filtering rules cannot organize a message into multiple folders without creating multiple copies of the message *[column 2, lines 28-32]*. Thus, Clark teaches that the ability to organize a message into multiple folders using filtering rules is well known.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung and Rivette, transferring messages into multiple folders, as taught by Clark. This would give the user more flexibility when organizing messages since the user would not be restricted to a single folder. Further, in accordance with Hung *[paragraph 74]*, if a pre-established folder associated with the respective identified other portion does not exist, a new folder will be created and the document would be transferred to it.

9-2. Regarding claims 59, 68, 77, and 86, Hung and Rivette further teach that words may be presented to the user, in which case, the user selects the word *[Hung, paragraph 43]*. The communication terminal may be a notebook computer *[Hung, paragraph 16]*.

Hung and Rivette do not expressly teach the claim wherein said receiving comprises receiving a click on the portion. Clark teaches that a message client provides a user interface on a laptop computer *[Clark, column 12, lines 7-10]* and receives user

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input from the interface using an input device such as a mouse [*Clark, column 9, lines 30-35*].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system of organizing messages of Hung and Rivette, the use of a mouse as an input device, as taught by Clark. The use of a mouse as an input device provides a more flexible input device for inputting commands. This would allow a user to select the word by clicking on it.

Claims 85, 87-89

9-3. Regarding claims 85, Hung, Rivette, and Clark teach the claim wherein said receiving comprises receiving a selection of at least one of a word and a symbol, by disclosing that the user can select a value from a text message [*Hung, paragraph 42*].

9-4. Regarding claims 87, Hung, Rivette, and Clark further teach the claim of the method wherein said receiving comprises receiving a spoken representation of the portion, by disclosing that input means includes a microphone [*Hung, paragraph 19, lines 11-15*].

9-5. Regarding claims 88, Hung, Rivette, and Clark further teach the claim of the method wherein said receiving comprises receiving a touch associated with the portion, by disclosing that input means includes a touch sensitive display [*Hung, paragraph 19, lines 11-15*].

9-6. Regarding claims 89, Hung, Rivette, and Clark further teach the claim of the method wherein the folder includes a pre-established folder, by disclosing that if the message satisfies an existing message-filter expression, the message may be stored in that folder [*Hung, paragraph 74*].

10. Claims 10-13, 23-26, 36-39, and 90-95 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hung (Pub No. US 2002/0087584), Rivette et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,809,318), herein after, Rivette, Clark et al (US Patent No 6,725,228), and Internet Explorer 5, as taught by Freeze ("Sams' Teach Yourself Microsoft Internet Explorer 5 in 24 Hours", 1999).

Claim 10-13 (Method)

Claim 23-26 (Computer Readable Medium)

Claim 36-39 (Apparatus)

10-1. Regarding claims 10, 23, and 36, Hung and Rivette teach the invention substantially as claimed. See section 7-1. Hung and Rivette do not expressly teach transferring the document into a second folder associated with a second identified portion. Clark teaches a similar invention that organizes messages into multiple folders based on the contents and attributes of the message [*column 4, lines 26-39*]. Clark's invention improves upon prior art by teaching that in the prior art, filtering rules cannot organize a message into multiple folders without creating multiple copies of the

message [*column 2, lines 28-32*]. Thus, Clark teaches that the ability to organize a message into multiple folders using filtering rules is well known.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung and Rivette, transferring messages into multiple folders, as taught by Clark. This would give the user more flexibility when organizing messages since the user would not be restricted to a single folder.

Hung, Rivette, and Clark do not expressly teach further indicating that the document is being transferred into the second folder. Freeze teaches that Internet Explorer shows a download status screen when a document is being transferred to a computer [*page 392*]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung, Rivette and Clark, the use of a status screen to show the transfer of a document to a folder, as taught by Freeze. This would alert the user that a document is being transferred.

10-2. Regarding claims 11, 24, and 37, Hung and Rivette teach the invention substantially as claimed. See section 7-1. Hung and Rivette do not expressly teach transferring the document into a second folder associated with a second identified portion. Clark teaches a similar invention that organizes messages into multiple folders based on the contents and attributes of the message [*column 4, lines 26-39*]. Clark's invention improves upon prior art by teaching that in the prior art, filtering rules cannot

organize a message into multiple folders without creating multiple copies of the message *[column 2, lines 28-32]*. Thus, Clark teaches that the ability to organize a message into multiple folders using filtering rules is well known.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung and Rivette, transferring messages into multiple folders, as taught by Clark. This would give the user more flexibility when organizing messages since the user would not be restricted to a single folder.

Hung, Rivette, and Clark do not expressly teach the claim of the method further indicating that the document has been transferred to the second folder. Freeze teaches that Internet Explorer displays a message indicating that the transfer of a document to a folder has been completed *[page 393]*. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung, Rivette, and Clark, the use of message window to indicate that the transfer of a document to a folder has been completed, as taught by Freeze. This would alert the user that a document has been transferred.

10-3. Regarding claims 12-13, 25-26, and 38-39, Hung, Rivette, Clark, and Freeze teach the invention substantially as claimed. See section 9-2. Hung further teaches that the message may be stored in a pre-established folder or a newly created folder *[paragraph 74]*.

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Claims 90-95

10-4. Regarding claim 90, Hung, Rivette, and Clark teach the invention substantially as claimed. See section 9-1. Hung, Rivette, and Clark do not expressly teach further indicating that the document is being transferred into the folder. Freeze teaches that Internet Explorer shows a download status screen when a document is being transferred to a computer *[page 392]*.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung, Rivette, and Clark, the use of a status screen to show the transfer of a document to a folder, as taught by Freeze. This would alert the user that a document is being transferred.

10-5. Regarding claim 91, Hung, Rivette, and Clark teach the invention substantially as claimed. See section 9-1. Hung, Rivette, and Clark do not expressly teach the claim of the method further indicating that the document has been transferred to the second folder. Freeze teaches that Internet Explorer displays a message indicating that the transfer of a document to a folder has been completed *[page 393]*.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung and Rivette, the use of message window to indicate that the transfer of a document to a folder has been completed, as taught by Freeze. This would alert the user that a document has been transferred.

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10-6. Regarding claim 92, Hung, Rivette, and Clark teach the invention substantially as claimed. See section 9-1. Hung and Rivette do not expressly teach transferring the document into a second folder associated with a second identified portion. Clark teaches a similar invention that organizes messages into multiple folders based on the contents and attributes of the message [*column 4, lines 26-39*]. Clark's invention improves upon prior art by teaching that in the prior art, filtering rules cannot organize a message into multiple folders without creating multiple copies of the message [*column 2, lines 28-32*]. Thus, Clark teaches that the ability to organize a message into multiple folders using filtering rules is well known.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung and Rivette, transferring messages into multiple folders, as taught by Clark. This would give the user more flexibility when organizing messages since the user would not be restricted to a single folder.

Hung, Rivette, and Clark do not expressly teach further indicating that the document is being transferred into the second folder. Freeze teaches that Internet Explorer shows a download status screen when a document is being transferred to a computer [*page 392*]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung, Rivette and Clark, the use of a status screen to show the transfer of a document to a folder, as taught by Freeze. This would alert the user that a document is being transferred.

10-7. Regarding claim 93, Hung, Rivette, and Clark teach the invention substantially as claimed. See section 9-1. Hung and Rivette do not expressly teach transferring the document into a second folder associated with a second identified portion. Clark teaches a similar invention that organizes messages into multiple folders based on the contents and attributes of the message [*column 4, lines 26-39*]. Clark's invention improves upon prior art by teaching that in the prior art, filtering rules cannot organize a message into multiple folders without creating multiple copies of the message [*column 2, lines 28-32*]. Thus, Clark teaches that the ability to organize a message into multiple folders using filtering rules is well known.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung and Rivette, transferring messages into multiple folders, as taught by Clark. This would give the user more flexibility when organizing messages since the user would not be restricted to a single folder.

Hung, Rivette, and Clark do not expressly teach the claim of the method further indicating that the document has been transferred to the second folder. Freeze teaches that Internet Explorer displays a message indicating that the transfer of a document to a folder has been completed [*page 393*]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include, in the system for organizing messages of Hung, Rivette, and Clark, the use of message window to indicate that the

transfer of a document to a folder has been completed, as taught by Freeze. This would alert the user that a document has been transferred.

10-8. Regarding claims 94 and 95, Hung, Rivette, Clark, and Freeze teach the invention substantially as claimed. See section 9-2. Hung further teaches that the message may be stored in a pre-established folder or a newly created folder [paragraph 74].

Response to Arguments

11. The Examiner acknowledges the Applicants' amendments to claims 7-11, 20-24, and 33-37, cancellation of claims 1-6, 14-19, 27-32, and 40-52, and the addition of claims 53-96. Regarding independent claims 53, 62, 71, 80, and 96, the Applicant alleges that Hung (Pub No. US 2002/0087584), Clark et al (US Patent No 6,725,228), and Internet Explorer 5, as taught by Freeze ("Sams' Teach Yourself Microsoft Internet Explorer 5 in 24 Hours", 1999), as described in the previous Office action, does not explicitly teach receiving from a user of an apparatus an un-prompted identification of a portion of a document during a presentation of the document by the apparatus, and automatically transferring the document into a folder associated with the portion based on the received, un-prompted identification, as recited in newly added claims 53, 62, 71, 80, and 96. Examiner has therefore rejected independent claims 53, 62, 71, 80, and 96 under 35 U.S.C § 103 as being unpatentable over Hung and Rivette et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,809,318), herein after, Rivette. See section 7-1.

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Applicant states that dependent claims 7-13, 20-26, 33-39, 54-61, 63-70, 72-79, and 81-95 recite all the limitations of the independent claims, and thus, are allowable in view of the remarks set forth regarding independently amended claims 53, 62, 71, and 80. However, as discussed above, Hung and Rivette are considered to teach claims 53, 62, 71, and 80, and consequently, claims 7-13, 20-26, 33-39, 54-61, 63-70, 72-79, and 81-95 are rejected.

Conclusion

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alvin H. Tan whose telephone number is 571-272-8595. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 9:30-7 and alternating Fridays 9:30-7.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on 571-272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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